



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Hearing

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public hearing.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a public hearing via webinar pertaining to Amendment 30 to the Coastal Migratory Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region. The amendment addresses alternatives for changing the recreational fishing year for Atlantic cobia (Georgia through New York).

DATES: The public hearing will be held via webinar on Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

ADDRESSES: *Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public hearing will be conducted via webinar accessible via the internet from the Council's website at *www.safmc.net*. The hearing will begin at 6 p.m. Registration for the webinar is required. Registration information will be posted on the Council's website at *www.safmc.net* as it becomes available. Any graphics, including maps, drawings or images to be shown during public comment should be emailed to Mike Collins at *mike.collins@safmc.net* prior to the public hearing.

Amendment 30 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagic FMP

This amendment includes one action to modify the recreational fishing year for Atlantic cobia. In combination with the proposed changes to slow the rate of recreational harvest in Framework Amendment 4, the action in Amendment 30 is expected to reduce the likelihood of exceeding the annual catch limit and triggering accountability measures before the most popular time to recreationally fish for Atlantic cobia (May through September), and also to provide fair access to the Atlantic cobia resource for all participants.

During the webinar, Council staff will present an overview of the amendment and will be available for informal discussions and to answer questions via webinar. Members of the public will have an opportunity to go on record to record their comments for consideration by the Council.

Special Accommodations

The hearing is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the hearing.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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